

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a lovely Easter holiday. This letter provides information about the Summer Term in Year 3. Should you have any further queries, you are of course always welcome to book an appointment with your child's teacher through the school office.

Dates for your diary

27-Apr	Clubs Start
29-Apr	Parent Coffee Morning - Resilience - 9.00am - 10.00am
18-May	Author Visit: Louise Austin (Alex Abbott is [Un]Dead)
21-May	RE Day
22-May	LAST DAY OF TERM
HALF TERM	
01-Jun	Inset Day
02-Jun	FIRST DAY OF TERM
8-12-Jun	Amherst's Got Talent
17-Jun	Year 3 Trip - Lullingstone Castle
26-Jun	Clubs End
02-Jul	New teacher - Transition morning
03-Jul	Sports Day - 1.30pm
04-Jul	PTA: Amherst Summer BBQ (3.00 - 7.00pm)
10-Jul	Summer Production - Dress Rehearsal - 1.45pm - 3.00pm
13-Jul	Summer Production - Matinee Performance - 1.45pm - 3.00pm
14-Jul	Summer Production - Evening Performance - 7.00pm - 8.15pm
15-Jul	Summer Production - Evening Performance - 7.00pm - 8.15pm
21-Jul	Rose Clifton Cricket Match
21-Jul	LAST DAY OF TERM
SUMMER	

Trip to Lullingstone Country Park

We are excited to be taking the children on a school trip to **Lullingstone Country Park on Wednesday 17th June**. This visit will support our Rivers topic. We will provide more information nearer the time but will potentially require a number of parent helpers for each class so wanted to bring this date to your attention.

Topics

This list is not definitive but it gives you a broad outline of the areas being addressed this term. A full curriculum overview of the year can be found on the Year 3 section of the Amherst School website.

- **English:**
 - *Jack and the Beanstalk – fairy tales*
 - *Non-chronological reports (Rivers)*
 - *Rivers Poetry*
 - *The Rhythm of the Rain (Grahame Baker-Smith)*
- **Maths:** Fractions, Money, Time, Shape, Statistics
- **Science:** Plants, Scientific enquiry

- **Geography:** Rivers
- **ICT:** Animation using Zu3D

Homework

Spelling: Your child will continue to bring home their orange spelling book each week. We will continue to test the children on a variety of words including those related to the spelling rules learnt at school, high frequency spellings and those from the statutory list. Children should spend at least 20 minutes learning their spellings and should be achieving at least 8/10 in their weekly tests. Spelling books are given out on Fridays and are due in the following Wednesday for the children to complete their test in.

Maths: Your child should continue to complete one page of their MA book each week. Please encourage them to complete all corrections before starting a new test. If you would like someone at school to help your child specific questions, please leave a note in their MA book or Planner. MA books are given out on Fridays and are due in the following Wednesday.

Times Tables: The children have made fantastic progress in times tables during the Autumn and Spring Terms. They complete weekly times tables activities and a more formal assessment at the end of each half term. Please continue to encourage your child to practise at home as it is making a significant difference in their progress. They should begin by learning 2, 5 and 10s, then move on to 3, 4 and 8s before finally practising 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12s. There are a number of really good apps/websites for learning times tables including Times Tables Rock Stars which we subscribe to as a school. If you would like spare copies of the weekly times tables tests carried out at school, please speak to your child's teacher.

Reading: Most children are progressing through the books in our banded reading scheme. They are given the opportunity to change their books weekly but we understand that as the books become more challenging, they will need longer on each book. We appreciate that many children are now reading independently; however, it is really important that they continue to read aloud with an adult in order to support and check their comprehension skills. The children must record their reading in their planner and hand it in on a Friday. Recommended reading lists are available on the school website.

School Equipment

Please ensure your child has the necessary equipment in school, including a 30cm ruler, scissors, spare glue sticks and black dry wipe pens, and that these are replenished throughout the term.

Games and PE

Please ensure they have their PE kit at school every day and that all items are named.

- Amherst or plain navy t-shirt, navy shorts and white socks
- Trainers
- **Optional:** Navy blue school sweatshirt and navy-blue jogging trousers for cold weather

	<u>Playground PE</u>	<u>Field PE</u>
3B	Basketball (Wednesday)	Cricket (Friday)
3WH	Basketball (Monday)	Cricket (Friday)
3FB	Basketball (Wednesday)	Cricket (Friday)

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Year 3 Team